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- 1. FYI, AF/W HAS HAD FREQUENT CONTACT OVER LAST FEW WEEKS WITH WASHINGTON LAW FIRM REPRESENTING EAST-EUROPE IMPORT EXPORT INC. FIRM WAS SURPRISED BY AND EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN DECEMBER 1 MININFO NEWS RELEASE WHICH YOU POUCHED DECEMBER 5.
- 2. THE LAW FIRM SAYS IT NOW REGRETS HAVING WRITTEN DECEMBER 16 TO MINDEF PERMSEC ADENSANOYE (COPIES SENT MINTRANSPORT, CBN, FRED EGBE, AND TRIBUNAL OF INQUIRY) PRAISING MR. ROSS' PROPRIETY AND REQUESTING RENEGOTIATIONOF HIS CONTRACT FOR 240,000 TONS OF CEMENT (COPY BEING POUCHED TO YOU).
- 3. THE FIRM SAYS THAT IT TELEPHONED ROSS DECEMBER 19 TO ASK ABOUT THE LETTER PUBLISHED BY MININFO. ROSS VERIFIED ITS AUTHENTICITY AND SAID HE THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN INCLUDED AMONG DOCUMENTS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FIRM. END FYI.

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